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NGUZ a Karl-i-Bond
(Phonetic: enGOOZ)

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Nguz a Karl-i-Bond is now serving his fourth term as foreign minister; he previously held this portfolio during 1972-74, 1976-77, and 1979-80. During his second term he was arrested on charges of treason. He was tried and sentenced to death, but President Mobutu Sese Seko commuted his sentence to life imprisonment and later pardoned him. Nguz rejoined the government as foreign minister in 1979, and a year later he was named First State Commissioner (prime minister). In 1981 he resigned and went into self-imposed exile in Belgium, where he became one of Mobutu's most outspoken opponents. He reconciled with the President in 1985 and subsequently served as Ambassador to the United States for two years.



Nguz was born on 4 August 1938. He received a B.A. degree in international relations in 1965 from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. During 1966-70 he served at the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, and he was subsequently assigned as Permanent Representative to the UN European Office in Geneva. He has also been director and permanent secretary of the Political Bureau of the Movement of the Revolution, Zaire's only legal party.

Nguz is the author of several books on Zairian politics. Born in Katanga (now Shaba) Region, he is a nephew of the late Prime Minister (1964-65) Moise Tshombe. In addition to several tribal languages, he speaks French, English, and some Flemish. Nguz is married to Nlandu Kavidi and has several children.

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